

roster and his mother has been given monetary compensation till he becomes major.

(c) A Court of Enquiry has been constituted by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment, *vide* Notification No. S.O. 1756(E) dated 12-10-06 to inquire into the causes and circumstances of the accident occurred at Bhatdih Mine of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) in Jharkhand. The Court of Enquiry is to submit its report within a period of three months and the findings will be known after Court of Enquiry submits its report.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. An exercise was taken up to address various issues ensuring sustainable coal development in a draft document named "Vision coal 2025" and recommend policy directions therein for meeting national objectives of the domestic coal sector.

The policy directions recommended are to increase production from underground coal mining. For this, the existing underground mines are to be reorganized to improve their productivity and safety. The bord and pillar technology used in mines should be mechanized by deploying Side Discharge Loaders/Load Haul Dumpers and Continuous Miners to improve production and productivity. Further, mechanized drilling is to be used in place of hand held drills presently in vogue. Smaller mines should be amalgamated into bigger units with fewer openings for achieving increased productivity. Small unprofitable mines with limited reserves and mines posing danger due to fire or waterlogged working in upper seams should be closed.

New underground mines have to be planned for higher capacity using either mechanized bord and pillar operations, powered support longwall technology or continuous miners with appropriate hard roof management technologies, wherever required.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply given to parts (d) and (e) above.

Incurring low profits by MTNL

117. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the MTNL is incurring very low profits as compared to previous year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the reasons for this low return; and

(d) if so, what are the remedial steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Setting up of a NFMB

118. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of recommendations made by TRAI on the 3-G Spectrum;

(b) whether there is any move in this Ministry to formulate a comprehensive policy so that 3-G services could be rolled out speedy wireless communications;

(c) whether it is also true that TRAI has recommended for setting up of a National Frequency Management Board to sort out spectrum usage and allocation issues; and

(d) if so, the action that has been contemplated or proposed to by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The main recommendations made by TRAI on the 3-G spectrum are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Committee has been set up to examine the TRAI Recommendations, including setting up of a National Frequency Management Board (NFMB).